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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senate Governmental Affairs Committee - "Defectors"
Investigation: Meeting with John Sopko

1. On November 2, 1986, I met with John Sopko, Assistant Counsel, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI), Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (currently in the Minority - to be in the Majority in the 100th Congress).

2. We briefly discussed the joint inquiry being pursued by the PSI and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) into the subject of defectors.

3. Mr. Sopko indicated that the matter was still of interest to PSI. He indicated, however, that he had not recently "touched base" with the SSCI staff or discussed it with Senator Nunn, currently Ranking Minority Member on the PSI. Mr. Sopko indicated that he planned to discuss it in the near future with the Senator to ascertain the Senator's wishes in the matter, particularly whether or not the Senator wished to pursue it any further. There is a chance that the entire matter would drop if Senator Nunn decides that, in view of his assumption of the chairmanship of the Senate Armed Services Committee, he does not wish to pursue this matter.

4. Mr. Sopko indicated that he had discussed the matter with the Department of State but that the State briefing had not been especially satisfactory. He also indicated that he planned to discuss it with the Department of Justice, Office of Intelligence Policy Review (Mary Lawton) and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). I suggested that at INS he speak with Paul Schmidt of the INS General Counsel's office.

5. Subsequently I advised Kimberly Allan of the Department of Justice that Mr. Sopko might contact Ms. Lawton. I also advised Alien Affairs, Office of General Counsel, that Mr. Sopko might contact Mr. Schmidt.

6. At this point, the Office of Congressional Affairs need only to keep in contact with ~~Mr. Sopko~~ on the matter. 

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